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PUBLIC NOTICE

The current term of the office of United States Magistrate Judge Susan Paradise Baxter at Erie, Pennsylvania is due to expire August 27, 2009. The United States District Court is required by law to establish a panel of citizens to consider the reappointment of the magistrate judge to a new (8) year term.

The basic jurisdiction of a United States Magistrate Judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. §636 and the duties of the position are demanding and wide ranging. These include, but are not limited to (1) initial proceedings in criminal cases; (2) assignment of civil cases and (3) references of pretrial matters from district judges.

Comments from members of the bar and public are invited as to whether the incumbent magistrate judge should be recommended by the panel for reappointment by the Court and should be directed to Robert V. Barth, Jr., Clerk of Court, P.O. Box 1805, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15230 or emailed to robert_barth@pawd.uscourts.gov

Comments must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 6, 2009.

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